Title: Need to open a new Railway Station at Maharajanagar on Tirunelveli-Tiruchendur Section in Tamil Nadu-laid.

SHRI S.S. RAMASUBBU (TIRUNELVELI): Tirunelveli is the second largest district in Tamil Nadu. This district has diverse geographical and physical features. It has lofty mountains and low plains and blessed with beautiful waterfalls and cascades and large number of tourists are visiting this place throughout the year. However, the people residing in the outskirts of Tirunelveli are facing a lot of difficulties to reach the railway station due to urbanization and the resultant traffic chaos.

There is a long pending demand for opening up of a New Railway Station at Maharajanagar on Tirunelveli-Tiruchendur Section, both on the northern and the southern side of the track. Large number of colonies, Government offices colleges and residential houses are located here and more are coming up and the population in this area exceeds 70,000 and it may cross 1 lac. mark in the near future. However, the people are not having any railway station nearby and they have to use Palayamkottai station which is 5 kms. away from their area. Vacant lands at two suitable sites are available nearby for construction of a new railway station.

This request is genuine and pending since long and I understand that it is under the active consideration of the Ministry of Railways. People from all walks of life have represented and favoured for a new railway station. I, therefore, request the Hon'ble Minister to take up the matter on priority basis and release adequate funds for opening of a New Railway Station at Maharajanagar, Tirunelveli at the earliest.